

REMARKS

The amendment to the specification provides updated and/or revised priority claim information. A marked-up copy of the change is attached hereto.

Applicant submits herewith a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt to evidence the changes outlined in this Preliminary Amendment.

New claims 61-93 all relate to the invention elected in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed in the Office on September 23, 2002, the invention drawn to a method of nucleating the growth of a diamond film. No new matter is added by entry of this preliminary amendment.

Applicant requests that the above amendments be entered prior to examination on the merits of the application. Early and favorable examination is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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-- 1. Reference to Related Applications

The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/262,842, filed January 19, 2001. U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/262,842 is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. The present application also hereby incorporates by reference in its entirety U.S. Provisional Patent Application [Serial] No. 60/348,032 [60/334,939] entitled "Polymerizable Higher Diamondoid Derivatives," by Shenggao Liu, Jeremy E. Dahl and Robert M. Carlson, filed October 26, 2001 [December 4, 2001], and also U.S. Provisional Patent Application [Serial] No. 60/341,921 filed December 18, 2001. --

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59. (Amended) A method of nucleating the growth of a diamond film, wherein the film is nucleated with [a] at least one diamondoid selected from the group consisting of [a lower diamondoid, a higher diamondoid, and a mixture of a lower diamondoid and a higher diamondoid] triamantane and higher diamondoids.